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USSR: Acquiring Western Technology

When it was founded in 1972, the institute was to be staffed by scientists from member nations to work on regional and global problems that lend themselves to scientific and technological solution. It is funded jointly by the US, the USSR, and 15 other nations, including most East European countries. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Soviet activities include eliciting industrial information from Western personnel assigned there and exploiting the access of the institute's computer network to Western scientific and technical data bases. The Soviet effort is facilitated by a special data link connecting the institute with Moscow. Technology obtained this way could reduce significantly the time, cost, and risks of failure entailed in relying on Soviet research and development. [REDACTED]

Exploitation of the institute has been encouraged by the change in the kinds of information available in recent years--from the theoretical to more practical Western-developed expertise on large computer operations and industrial technology. The Soviets and East Europeans also are using export-controlled US computers at the institute for training and experience that probably would otherwise be unavailable to them. [REDACTED]

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